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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - Armstrong Atlantic State University head baseball coach Calvin Culberson has announced the signing of five players, four of whom who will begin their Pirate careers in the Fall of 2014 while one will play in the Spring.

The five players signing with the Pirates are: 6-0 infielder Chandler Corley (Lakeside Evans HS / Evans, Ga.); 6-0 righthanded pitcher Cody Kremer (Central Alabama CC / Adairsville, Ga.); 5-9 infielder Tyler Avera (Georgia Southern / Baxley, Ga.); 6-1 catcher Will Browning (Jeff Davis HS / Hazlehurst, Ga.) and 5-9 lefthanded pitcher Caleb Weaver (Middle Georgia College / Perry, Ga.).

"This year's recruiting class is vital in the progression of our program," coach Culberson said. "We lose several players that have played a huge role in our recent success, so we had areas we needed to address this fall. Our coaching staff has worked relentlessly to assemble these five young men who we feel will represent our department, the Armstrong baseball program and the University as a whole very well in the class room, the community and on the field."

**Chandler Corley** plays for Lakeside Evans HS, who captured the 2013 Region 2-5A Championship. A first-team All-Region and All-Columbia County product, Corley earned honorable mention honors on the 2013 Rawlings Perfect Game All-American squad while also being named a Georgia Dugout Club Top 100 selection. He hit .384 with five home runs as a junior and .341 with two home runs as a sophomore for the Knights.

"We are very pleased that Chandler will become a part of our program," Culberson said. "He brings a great deal of measurable ability and athleticism and possesses the skills to play the game at a very high level. Chandler is also extremely intelligent and we feel with his aptitude and his athleticism, he should make an immediate impact on our team."

**Cody Kremer** will join the Pirates from Central Alabama Community College, where he plays after initially signing with the University of Georgia. As a high school standout at Adairsville, Ga., Kremer was a four-time All-Region performer and a second-team Rawlings Perfect Game All-American in 2010. Twice a Georgia Dugout Club Top 100 selection, Kremer went 7-2 with 100 strikeouts in 58 innings pitched as a senior for the Tigers.

"Cody Kremer is a big power right hander," Culberson said. "Cody has the ability to be an impact weekend pitcher in the Peach Belt. We feel he has two good out pitches, with an upper 80s to low 90s fastball and a plus breaking ball. Cody will



be an immediate difference maker for us the next two years."

**Will Browning** plays for Jeff Davis HS and has excelled for the Yellowjackets, earning first-team All-Region honors in 2012 and 2013. He is a 2013 Georgia Dugout Club Top 100 honoree after hitting .402 with three home runs as a junior, while also hitting .368 with four home runs in 2012 as a sophomore.

"Will comes to us from a first class program from Jeff Davis High School," Culberson said. "Coach Glass does an outstanding job developing young men and we know we will get a high character player with Will. Will is a big strong player and has a good arm from behind the plate. He has enough bat speed and strength to be a future power hitter in our lineup. Will has leadership qualities that we look for in the catching position, and should provide depth both with his ability to catch and hit."

**Caleb Weaver** will join the Pirates from Middle Georgia College, where he helped the squad to the 2013 GJCAA Conference Tournament championship as a freshman. Weaver played high school ball at Westfield HS, where he was the 2012 GISA Region 3A Player of the Year as a senior, also earning first-team All-State honors.

"Caleb comes to us from one of the most respected junior colleges in the nation," Culberson said "Armstrong has had several successful players throughout the years come from Middle Georgia and we feel Caleb will continue that tradition. Caleb is a 3 pitch mid 80s left-hander, he can mix all three pitches in any count and can throw to left handed or right handed hitters. Historically in our league, lefties like Caleb have done really well. We feel Caleb bring experience and a dynamic to our staff and should throw some big innings for us."

Those four players will begin play for the Pirates in the Fall of 2014.

**Tyler Avera** will transfer to the Pirates from Georgia Southern University and will play in the Spring of 2014. Avera was an All-Southern Conference Freshman Team selection in 2012 as well as an All-Southern Conference Tournament team selection. As a high school standout at Appling County HS, Avera was a Georgia Dugout Top 100 selection 2011 while also earning 2012-13 SunBelt Summer League All-Star honors for the Atlanta Crackers. He hit .283 with 27 RBIs as a freshman for Georgia Southern in 52 starts and hit .271 with 27 RBI in 48 starts as a sophomore.

"Tyler is a transfer from Georgia Southern University who has played in some very big games for the Eagles and has performed very well both athletically and academically," Culberson said. "We think Tyler will anchor a big spot for us in the lineup as well as in the infield defensively. Tyler brings big game experience and knowledge of the game that is uncoachable. He comes from a coaching family and a very respected high school program as well."



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